Tuskalusa, Ala.
July 15th, 1901.

Dear Mrs. McRae:

Your letter received this morning. I have been searching over what Collier records I have with me, and fear I can give you very little assistance. I, however, send what I have: Mary Collier, daughter of John Collier and Elizabeth Meredith - born Feb. 8, 1756 - died in Charlotte Co., Va. about 1804, married Samuel Goode 1770. She was married at the age of 14.

From Va. Cousins
By G. Brown Goode.

I, unfortunately, have not his book, so can only give you this little note. The Goode's lived Prince Edward, Charlotte, Henrico and all through that section, so by having the records searched you may be able to go backward from the name meredith in your family. Should suppose your Grand-Father, Meredith, to be the Brother of Mary Collier. I have before me a letter from the late Charles A. Collier, at onetime the Mayor of Atlanta; he says he is from Merrill Collier, a Grand-Son, and that his Grand-Father had a Brother, Meredith. I should think if you would have the records of Randolph Co. N. C. searched for John Collier's will, also for deed ot land, you could tell what year he went to N. C. If you can look over Wheeler's History of N. Ca., you can tell what year Randolph County was formed, and work backward.

I have had the old records of Charlotte, Co., Va., Mecklenburg Co., Lunenburg Co. and Brunswick Co. searched and find no marriges of John Collier. Do you know the names of Meredith and Merrill Collier's wives ? and where they were married? Give dates if possible and dates of births.

There was a Thomas Collier educated at Chapel Hill College in the early days of the college. You can find out from Wheeler's History of N. Ca. - - If you write to Chapel Hill College, they can tell you from which County he registered. There was a Capt. John Collier in King & Queen Co., Va., 1775, had a grant of land in King William Co. 1711 ----- John Collier, Charles Collier, Thomas Collier, Benjamin Collier are all family names.

If you can run back a little farther, giving me dates if possible, I will look over some more Collier data I left in Tenn., and I hope I shall be able to give you more assistance.

Very truly

Mrs. Lizzie R. Benagh.